social and natural sciences as well as launching of new programmes of mutual interest; partcipation of scholars in international conferences held in each other's exchange of scholars for study-cum-lectures; placement of a teacher of Hungarian language and literature at the Delhi University and a Hindi language teacher to Hungary. It covers exchanges of publications and books; completion and publication of a Hindi-Hungarian and Hungarian-Hindi conversational guides; interaction in the field of statistics, economics, sociology and demography. It includes offer of scholarships by the two sides; exchange of art exhibitions; exchange of archivists; and reading materials. An important clause covers observance of Nehru Centenary in Hungary; exchange of eminent artists, writers, specialists in the fields of music, film, theatre, dance and fine arts. Under this Programme one Film Week in each other's country would also be organised.

Transport business by foreign companies in India

3437. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of International Agencies including Awis and Haters have set up their Transport Business in India by giving their Cars on hire basis to Big Companies situated in 15 big cities of India;

(b) if so, the names of such International Agencies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these companies have been planning to expand their business in 25 more big cities of India; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to stop such business by foreign International Agencies and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) With a view to augment and improve the road transport infrastructure the Government has approved the collaboration arrangements of three Indian Companies with three foreign Rent-A-Car Companies namely Hertz International Ltd., USA, Budget Rent-A-Car Inc. USA and Europcar International, France to provide car rental facilities in India on the basis of similar type of rental services provided by them in other countries.

The Rent-A-Car Scheme is yet to become operative.

Budget surplus of the Indian Council of Historical Research

3438. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the budget surplus of the Indian Council of Historical Research for the year 1986-87 and how this amount has been spent;

(b) what is the number of plain-paper copiers, electronic typewriters, air-conditioners and other items purchased and the amount spent on each item;

(c) whether many back-dated cheques were issued by the ICHR during the last two months of the financial year 1986-87; and

(d) if so, what is the total amount of the back-dated cheques so issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) During the year 1986-87, the Council had an unspent balance of about Rs. 8.99 lakhs under Plan which was permitted to be carried forward to the year 1987-88 by the Government.

(b) According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the following items of office equipment were purchased during 1986-87.

Name of the item	Quantity	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
Plain paper copier	1	1.40
Electronic Typewriters	6	1.25
Airconditioners for library and microfilm room	2	0.38
Electric stencil cutter	1	0.23
Word processor	1	0.71

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

National Conference on Child Education

3439. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Conference on Child Education was organised by the Indian Council for Child Education in the first week of November, 1987 in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel who participated in the conference;

(c) what is the nature of discussion held; and

(d) what are the recommendations made to Government, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Indian Council for Child Education organised a conference on November 6 & 7, 1987 which was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India. According to the information available, a large number of teachers, persons connected with voluntary agencies, educationists, etc. participated in the Conference. No specific recommendations have been made to the Government in this behalf.

Indian Airlines flights to foreign countries

3440. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand air services to some more foreign countries by Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the names of such countries to which air services are likely to be extended during the next year and by when; and

(c) what are the details of the terms of agreement made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Bilateral air agreements concluded with UAE in 1986 and USSR and Kuwait in 1987, provide for designating two Indian Carriers. Indian Airlines can, therefore, operate to these countries as a Second Carrier. No time limit has, however, been set for the commencement of these flights.

(c) No separate terms and conditions have been made for this except that there is a provision for two Indian Carriers to operate.